Media Center Collaborative Space initiative

<u>Overview</u>

Recent APR evaluations of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures (FLL) at the University of Delaware have suggested that the office space currently allocated to FLL in Jastak-Burgess Hall does not adequately provide a convivial environment for students enrolled in foreign language related programs and that this may influence their engagement in FLL courses, their ability and willingness to seek faculty assistance and guidance in academic matters, and the general feeling that they belong to a department that cares about their long-term success as FLL majors. Add to this the increasing pedagogical value of discovery learning and the collaborative learning methodologies associated with it and it becomes clear that the creation of collaborative spaces in which students may engage in target language discussion as well as course related project development has considerable potential for improving student learning outcomes in foreign language courses.

It has been suggested by members of the FLL pedagogy faculty and others that modifications to the Foreign Language Media Center in which some space is allocated to the creation of a convivial collaborative area compatible with the goals of discovery learning through student collaboration, would be a viable first step in improving the conviviality of Jastak-Burgess Hall. However, as the need for computer-based on-line testing grows to prominence particularly in its application to foreign language oral proficiency assessment, there is the additional need to preserve some of the Foreign Language Media Center's current configuration, especially given the availability of other spaces in Jastak-Burgess Hall to which the collaborative space model may be applied, naturally providing a more distributed and probably more effective approach to improving FLL conviviality.

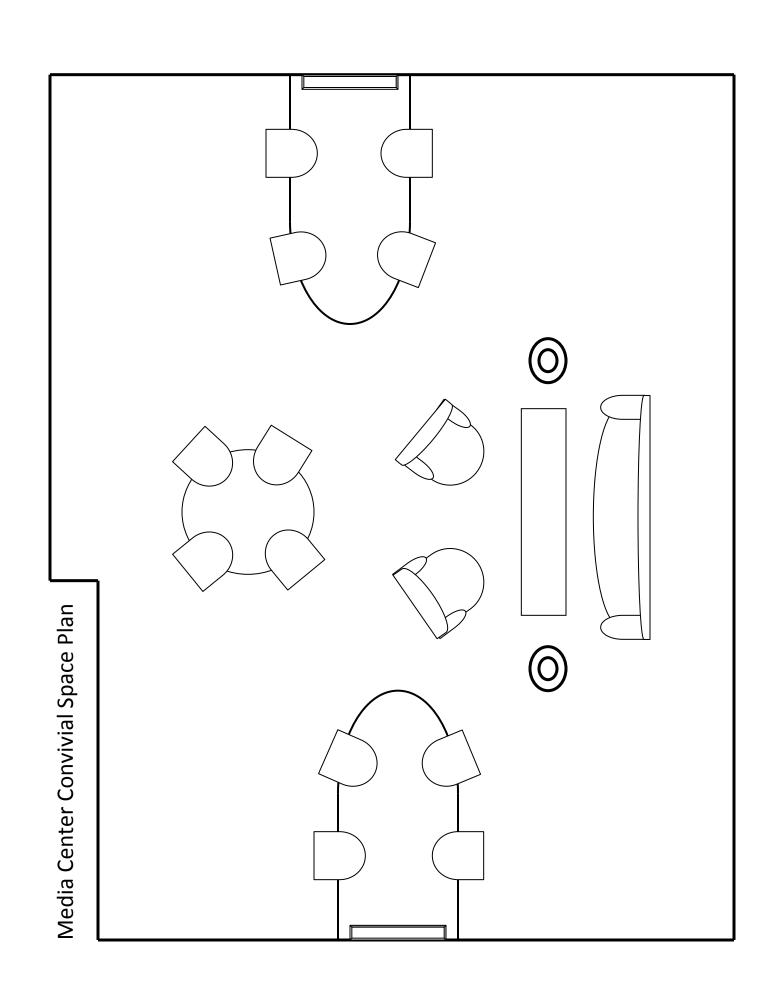
Proposal

Since creating collaborative space involves a more open arrangement of collaborative resources, the proposal to modify the Foreign Language Media Center involves the removal of one of the Media Center's four computer clusters which are designed to insulate users from one another as they engage in individualized academic activity. To enhance the accessibility of the collaborative space, the computer cluster closest to the entrance of the Media Center has been selected for removal involving the disassembly of all in-cluster wiring including both electrical and Ethernet connections in addition to the removal of the cluster structure itself. All support tables currently located in the collaborative space area would be relocated to other parts of the Media Center creating a substantially large open space at the entrance to the facility that is

approximately 24.3 feet wide and 19 feet long. Given that collaboration can be technological, social, or linguistic in nature, non-exclusive provision for all three of these types of interaction has been made by creating two computer-based collaborative conference tables equipped with shareable flat-panel displays responsive to student laptops through a student controlled switching system, a round table with four chairs for linguistic interaction and a sofa coupled with a coffee table and two easy chairs for social interactions. Electricity is supplied to each of the two conference tables via surge protected power strips accessible to users from the table tops, and cables connecting user laptops to the shared display at each table emerge from cutouts located at the center of each table. Chairs needed to populate the conference table seating positions are drawn from seating used in the computer cluster designated for removal with an additional one being drawn from tables relocated by the plan. The chairs found at the round table are equipped with wheels for easy movement around the table and the pedestal on which the table is located is weighted to provide it with increased stability. The sofa and two easy chairs proposed for the social arrangement have been selected for their stability, durability, and compatibility with one another and current modern furniture design. A scale drawing of the proposed furniture acquisitions and their arrangement in the Media Center space allocated to the project is included below along with an itemized list of the items, their costs and the total cost of the proposal in its current form.

Conclusion

The proposed Collaborative Space plan minimizes cost by utilizing materials already in use at the Media Center coupled with purchases of minimal economic impact on FLL funding resources. The design of the space accommodates a variety of collaborative perspectives by providing materials that promote technological, social and linguistic interactions in a spacious and convivial environment. Finally, the proposal provides convivial collaborative space with minimal impact on other Media Center activities and facilities.



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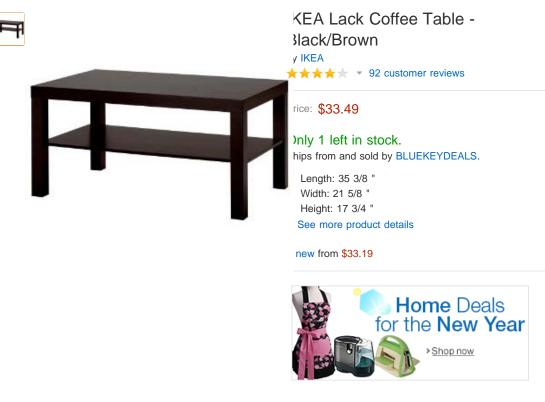




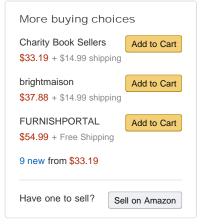
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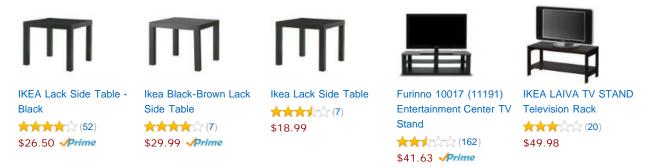
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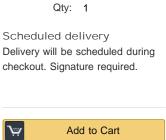
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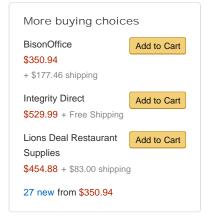
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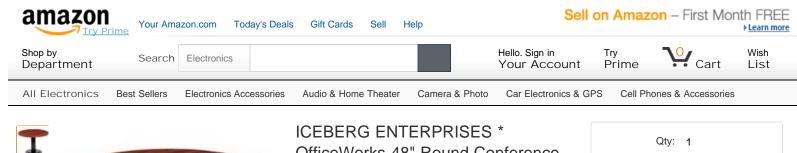
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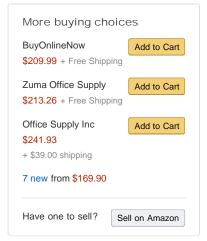
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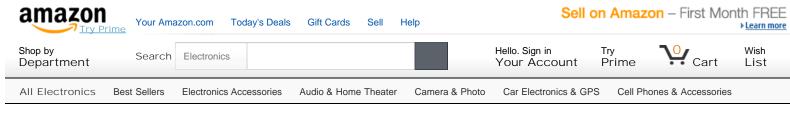


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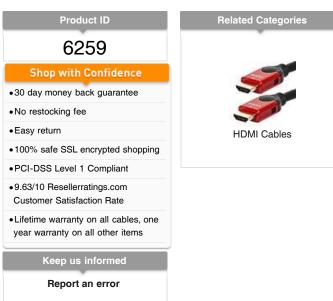
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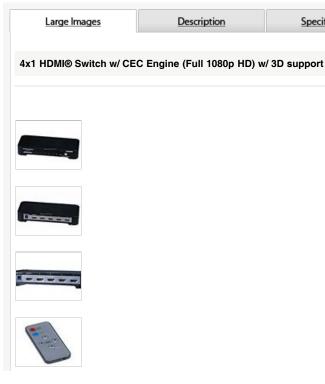


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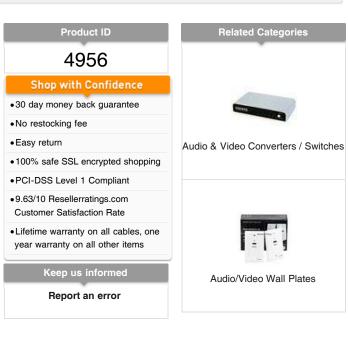
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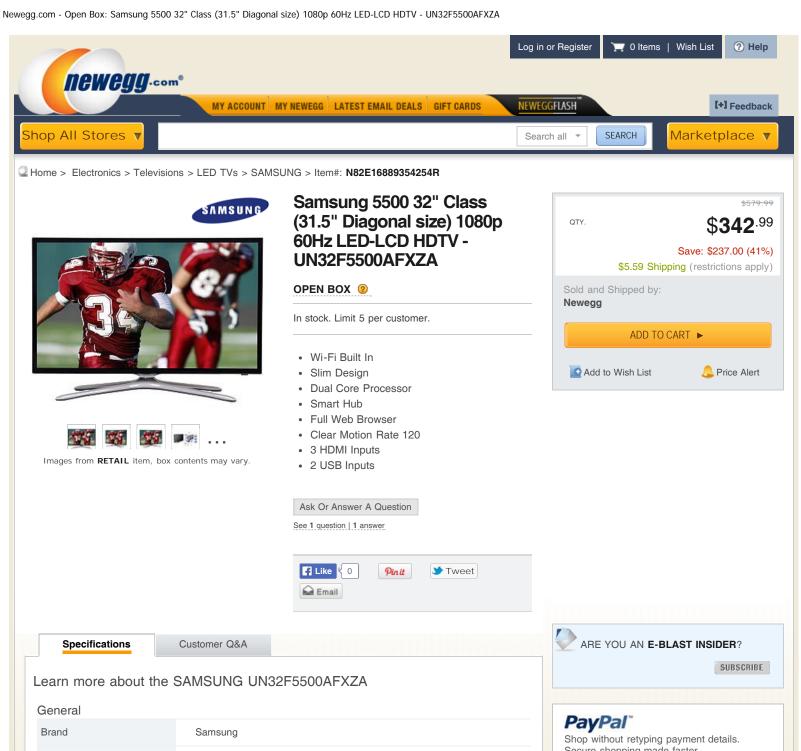
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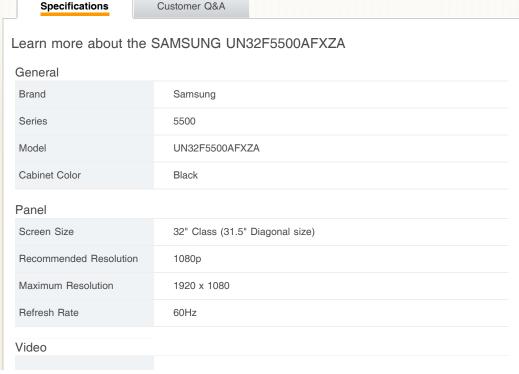
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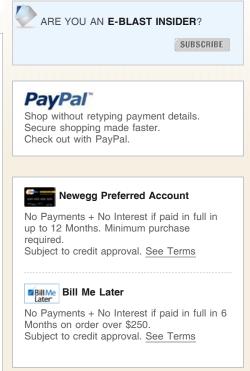
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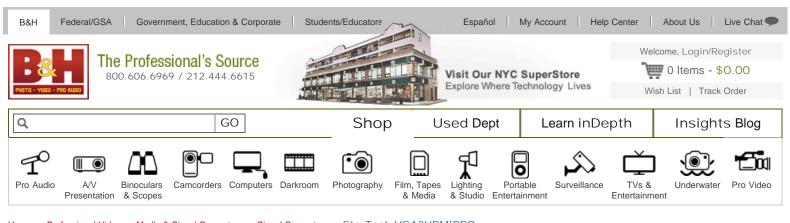
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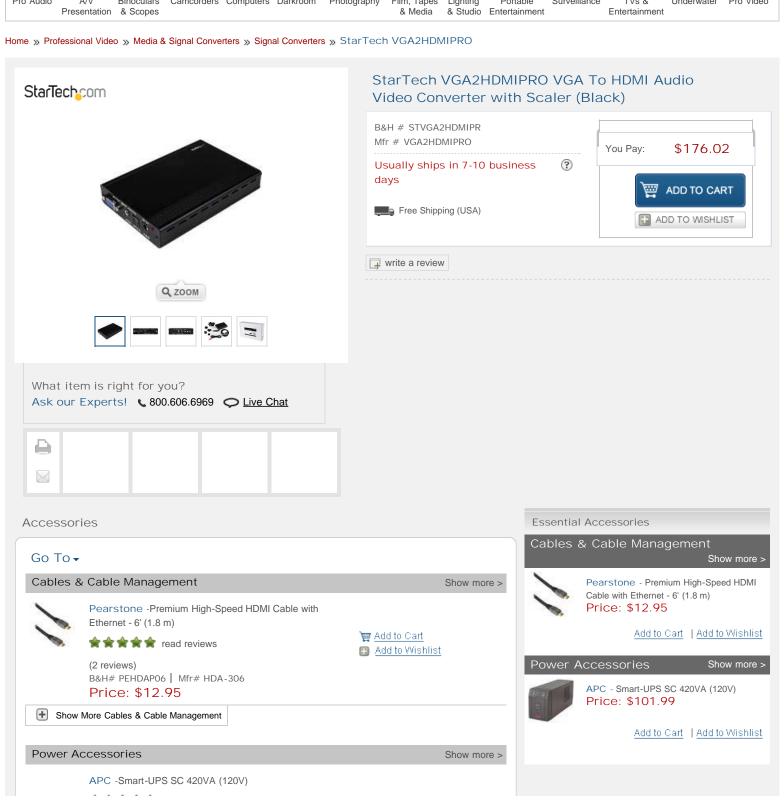
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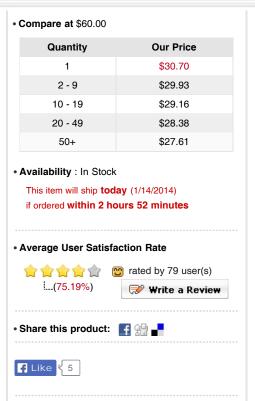


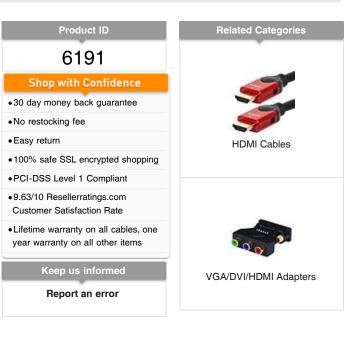


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